



**50 YEARS OF  
PROJECT TIGER  
FIRST INDIAN  
CONSERVATION  
CONFERENCE**

**ICCON 2023**

**MYSURU (KARNATAKA), INDIA  
9th - 11th April 2023**

# Celebrating 50 years of Project Tiger

One of the most iconic projects in the history of conservation in the world, "Project Tiger," is celebrating its 50th anniversary. This groundbreaking conservation initiative aims at ensuring the survival of India's majestic tigers. This remarkable milestone in India's wildlife conservation journey has seen the establishment of 53 tiger reserves throughout the country, which has helped boost the number of wild tigers to nearly 3,000

## ABOUT ICCON

On the occasion of 50 years of Project Tiger, we are thrilled to invite you to India's first-ever Conservation Conference, ICCON. This conference brings together researchers, managers, conservationists, and policymakers from the field of wildlife conservation under one roof, providing a unique opportunity to discuss emerging issues of wildlife protection and generate solutions for pressing conservation challenges.

## CONFERENCE VENUE

The first Indian Conservation Conference (ICCON) 2023 will be held in the Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mukhtagangotri, Mysuru, Karnataka, which is a pioneer and premier center of higher education under Open and Distance Learning (ODL) system. The University is about 5 km from the Mysuru Bus Stand (Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation - KSRTC) and around 3.5 km from the Mysuru Railway Station.



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## Mysuru, Karnataka



# HOW TO REACH MYSURU

## By Air :

The nearest major airport to Mysuru is the new Bengaluru International Airport, which is about 170 km away. Bengaluru itself is very well-connected to all major cities in India. It takes about three hours by road to reach Mysuru from Bengaluru. KSRTC operates 'FlyBus' each way between Bengaluru Kempegowda International airport and Mysuru city. There is one bus leaving every 1-1.5 hours between 1am and 11:55pm. More details on <https://ksrtc.in/pages/flybus.html>. Besides, Mysuru is connected by direct flights with Chennai and Hyderabad. You may avail connecting taxis or public transport from Mysuru bus stand and airport to the venue.



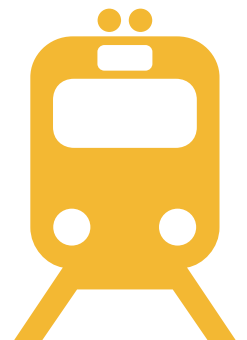
## By Bus :

You can also take the bus from Kempegowda Bus Station in Majestic (near the Bengaluru City Railway Station) to Mysuru. There are several options of state transport buses as well as private tour operators. Tickets are easily available at the bus station ticket counters. You may avail connecting taxis or public transport from Mysuru bus stand and airport to the venue.



## By Train :

Mysuru is very well connected by rail throughout the region and the railway station is just about 2 km from the city center. You will find many express trains between Bengaluru and Mysuru that cover the distance between the two cities in about three hours. Bengaluru itself is very well-connected to most other cities in India. Some of the trains plying between the two nodes include Tippu Express, Chamundi Express, Kaveri Express and Mysuru Express.



## Road/Self Drive:

If you want to drive to Mysuru from Bengaluru, take the Mysuru Road (SH 17) all the way till Mysuru via Kengeri, Ramnagaram and Mandya. Alternatively, you can go from Jayanagar, Bengaluru on the Kanakpura Road (NH 209) via Kanakpura, Malavalli and Bannur.



## Shuttle Service:

Shuttle services from Bengaluru and Mysuru airport and railway stations will be provided for delegates invited by NTCA. Details will be communicated to the respected delegates via email.

## WEATHER IN MYSURU

The Mysuru weather is comfortable even during the summers when the rest of India is experiencing scorching heat. The temperature in Mysuru in April hops in between 20.9°C to 34.2°C with the average humidity of 49%. Usually, the days are hot while the nights are a bit cooler.



## TOURIST PLACES IN MYSURU

Mysuru is located at the foot of the Chamundi hills. It is an important tourist destination in the state of Karnataka. The Amba Villas Palace (also known as Mysuru Palace) in the city is a major tourist attraction in India. Major tourism spots include Mysuru Palace, Chamundi Hills, Mysuru Zoo, St. Philomena's Church, Rail museum, Mysuru Sand sculpture Museum, Jaganmohan Palace, Karanji lake and park, Suka Vana, Kukkarahalli lake, Lalitha Mahal palace, Wax-museum-melody park, Ranganathittu birds sanctuary, Brindavan garden (KRS), Nanjungud temple, Shivanasamudra falls etc



# MYSURU PALACE/AMBA VILAS PALACE

The Mysuru Maharaja Palace sits in the center of Mysuru. It is one of India's largest palaces and is famous for the Mysuru Dussehra Festival. Henry Irwin, a well-known British architect, designed this palace. The current construction of the palace was created in 1912 after the previous timber structure caught fire during a wedding ceremony of Chamaraja Wodeyar's eldest daughter Jayalakshammanni. This palace is well-known for its architectural splendor, which incorporates Muslim, Gothic, Hindu, and Rajput styles, as well as Indo-Saracenic architecture.

**Location from Mysuru Bus Stand - 3 min (800.0 m) via Sayyaji Rao Road**  
**Timings: 10 am–5:30 pm**



# JAYALAKSHMI VILAS PALACE

Jayalakshmi Vilas Palace, also known as First Rajkumari Mansion, was built in 1905 for Maharaja Chamaraja Wodeyar's eldest daughter. The Government of Karnataka has designated it as a heritage site, making it one of the most beautiful palaces in Mysuru. This palace is home to three museums: the Folklore Museum, the Archaeology Museum, and the General Museum. This sprawling palace on 6 acres of land includes over 125 rooms and over 250 carved doors and windows. It is close to Kukkarahalli Lake, another prominent Mysuru site.

**Location from Mysuru Bus Stand - 12 min (4.5 km)**  
via Hunsur Road/ Mangalore - Mysuru Highway/  
Vinoba Road

**Timings:** 11am – 4pm





# ST. PHILOMENA'S CHURCH

The church was built by the king of Mysuru for the European residents of the city, setting an example of religious harmony and understanding. This church is dedicated to St. Philomena, and boasts of more than 200 years of historical relevance. Initially a small church, it was later renovated into its present grandeur by Maharaja Krishnaraja Wodeyar.

Location from Mysuru Bus Stand - 10 min (3 km) via Bengaluru Nilgiri Road

Timings: 8 am – 8 pm



# TOMBS OF TIPU SULTAN AND HYDER ALI/ GUMBABZ

Hyder Ali and Tipu Sultan's tombs are located in Gumbaz. It is situated in Srirangapatna, 15 kilometres from Mysuru. Tipu Sultan constructed it in 1784 to serve as a grave for his mother and father, Hyder Ali. Tipu Sultan was also buried here later, in 1799 AD. These tombs, which are located in the middle of Lalbagh Gardens, fascinates ever visitor due to their historical significance and beautiful construction. This structure has a striking resemblance to that of the Golconda Tombs. These 20-meter-high tombs were constructed in the Persian architectural style.

**Location from Mysuru Bus Stand - 35 min (18.2 km)  
via NH 275**

**Timings: 8 am – 6:30 pm**





## MYSURU ZOO

The Mysuru Zoo was founded by Chamarajendra Wadiyar Bahadur in 1892. As a result, it is often referred to as Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens. It was formerly referred to as "Private Bungalow" or "Khasa Bangle." It is one of India's oldest zoos. This zoo, a favourite destination for nature lovers, houses a variety of animals and birds that have been imported from more than 40 different nations. It is also well-known for being a well-liked breeding facility for numerous globally endangered species.

**Location from Mysuru Bus Stand - 7 min (2.2 km) via Albert Victor Road**  
**Timings: 8:30 am – 5:30 pm**



## BRINDAVAN GARDENS

The Brindavan gardens were constructed in the KRS Dam complex and were finished in 1932. Brindavan Gardens, which span 60 acres of land, is made up of three terrace gardens that are lit up at night. It is divided into four main sections: the Main Gate, North Brindavan, South Brindavan, and the Children's Garden, each of which offers a singular allure. Awe-inspiring scenery is created by the area's expansive landscapes and botanical garden. Additionally, boating is possible here. It's also interesting to see musical fountains, where water sprays timed to the beat of different songs. The main draw of this place is the craftsmanship of the topiary.

**Location from Mysuru Bus Stand - 39 min (19.6 km) via Hunsur Road/Mangalore - Mysuru Highway and KRS Road**  
**Timings: 9 am – 7 pm**







# RANGANATHITTU BIRD SANCTUARY

Located on the banks of Cauvery River, Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary is spread over 66 sq.km. This bird sanctuary gets its name after the Hindu God Sri Ranganatha Swamy. Its scenic beauty and rich avian fauna is worth experiencing. Apart from spotting rare species of Migratory birds belonging to places as far as Siberia, Australia and North America, you can also go for boat rides at the river. The view of surrounding greenery and serene water is worth experiencing. Indian tourists can visit Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary with a fee of Rs.50 while those from outside the country are required to pay Rs.3000 as entry fee.

Location from Mysuru Bus Stand - 32 min (16.7 km) via NH-150A

Timings: 8:30 am – 5:30 pm

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# BANDIPUR TIGER RESERVE

Biogeographically, Bandipur Tiger Reserve lies in one of the richest biodiversity areas of our country representing “5 B Western Ghats Mountains Biogeography Zone” (Rodgers & Panwar, 1988), surrounded by Mudumalai Tiger Reserve in the South, Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary in the South West & on the North West Side the Kabini Reservoir separates the Bandipur and Nagarahole Tiger Reserve. The Northern side of the Tiger Reserve is surrounded by human dominated landscape with villages and agricultural lands.

Location from Mysuru Bus Stand - 1 hr. 26 min (77.5 km)

Timings: 6am-9am, 3pm-6pm



# NAGARHOLE TIGER RESERVE



“Nagarahole Tiger Reserve” previously known as Rajiv Gandhi National Park is named after the stream ‘Nagarahole’ which literally means serpent stream (Nagara – serpent, hole – stream) in Kannada language. The protected area is located in both the districts of Mysuru and Kodagu with an area of 847.981 sq.km. The Kabini and Taraka reservoirs are large waterbodies located towards the west and south eastern parts of the park respectively. Nagarahole is contiguous with Wayanad wildlife sanctuary (Kerala) to the south and Bandipur Tiger Reserve to its south eastern parts.

**Location from Mysuru Bus Stand - 1 hr. 18 min (64.7 km) via SH 33**

**Timings: 6am – 6pm**







# BILIGIRI RANGASWAMY TEMPLE TIGER RESERVE

The Biligiri Rangaswamy Temple Tiger Reserve (BRT) is located in Chamarajanagar district of Karnataka State. This unique Bio-geographical habitat is in the middle of the bridge between Western and Eastern ghats in South India. The tiger reserve derives its name from 'BILIGIRI', the white rocky cliff which has a temple of Lord 'VISHNU' locally known as 'Rangaswamy'. It is also believed that the hill range gets its name due to white mist and silvery clouds which cover these lofty hills for a greater part of the year.

Location from Mysuru Bus Stand - 2 hr. 6 min (85.3km) via SH 57  
Timings: 10 am–5:30 pm





# MUDUMALAI TIGER RESERVE

Mudumalai Tiger Reserve is located in the Nilgiris District of Tamil Nadu state spread over 688.59 sq.km. at the tri-junction of three states, viz, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu and it plays an unique role by forming part of the Nilgiris Biosphere Reserve, the first Biosphere Reserve in India, declared during 1986. It has a common boundary with Wyanad Wildlife Sanctuary (Kerala) on the West, Bandipur Tiger Reserve (Karnataka) on the North, and the Nilgiris North Division on the South and East and Gudalur Forest Division on the South West, together forming a large conservation landscape for flagship species such as Tiger and Asian Elephant. Reception Centre is located at Theppakadu. The name Mudumalai means " the ancient hill range". Indeed, it is as old as 65 million years when Western Ghats were formed.

Location from Mysuru Bus Stand - 1 hr. 49 min (84.3 km) via NH-766  
Timings: 7 am - 10 am, 3pm - 6 pm



## ORGANIZERS

Ministry of Environment,  
Forest and Climate  
Change (MoEFCC)

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(NTCA)

Karnataka Forest  
Department (KFD)

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